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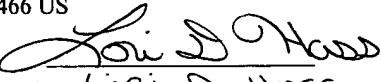
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reference to the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment and consider the accompanying remarks prior to examination thereof on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) A polyether alcohol prepared by ring-opening polymerization of ethylene oxide and at least one alkylene oxide having at least three carbon atoms in the molecule onto H-functional initiator substances, wherein ethylene oxide or a mixture of ethylene oxide and at least one alkylene oxide having at least three carbon atoms in the molecule, where the mixture has an